GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:301
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2000
POWER PROJECTS OF NATIONAL THERMAL POWER CORPORATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether private sector companies have boycotted the tender floated by the National Thermal Power Corporation for setting up of new power projects over the Purchase Price Preference Policy of the Government;

(b) if so, the details of projects boycotted by the private sector companies recently alongwith the present status thereof;

(c) whether the Government are considering to review the Purchase Price Preference Policy to attract the private companies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH P. PRABHU)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 301 TO BE ANSWERED IN TH LOK SABHA ON 11.12.2000 REGARDING POWER PROJECTS OF NATIONAL THERMAL POWRE CORPORATION.

(a) & (b) : The invitation of bids on International Competitive Bidding(ICB) basis was issued by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) in respect of main plant for Ramagundam Stage-III (1x500 MW) in Karim Nagar district of Andhra Pradesh and Rihand Stage-II (2x500 MW) in Uttar Pradesh. The notices for both the bids were published in leading national newspapers in October, 1999, Indian Trade Journal issues and also placed on NTPC`s website in the Internet and copies of NIT sent to Embassies/High Commission of countries manufacturing such equipments.

In response, a total of sixteen perspective bidders, comprising domestic and foreign bidders, purchased the bidding documents.

Also, on request from the various intending bidders from time to time, the bid opening, originally scheduled in January, 2000 was extended thrice by NTPC. Despite these extensions, it is only the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) who submitted the bids for Rihand Stage-II and Ramagundam Stage-III and the bids were finally opened on 17.10.2000 and 24.10.2000 respectively. NTPC as well as the Ministry of Power have no knowledge regarding boycotting the tenders floated by NTPC for the above two projects over Purchase Preference Policy.

(c) to (e) : The Government have extended the Purchase Preference Policy for a period of two years beyond 31.3.2000. There is no proposal to review the Purchase Preference Policy at present.